

**ABSTRACT**

A method of propagating a user's authentication/session information between different requests to Web services in a network includes a web server receiving a request 5 for access to a first web service. The request is intercepted with an agent and authentication credentials are collected. A determination is made whether the web service customer is authenticated and authorized. If the web service customer is authenticated and authorized, a session and session ticket are created. An ID and the session ticket are returned to the web server. The session ticket ID and a public key are 10 encrypted into an assertion. The assertion is sent to the first web service. The assertion is then returned to the web service customer for use with future requests. The assertion can be in the form of a SAML assertion.